

nothing more than volunteer time and donations. They are true examples of a civic spirit to which we can all aspire. Notable contributors to LARRI's philanthropic mission include: the Lake Area United Way, United Way of Porter County, Ridge United Methodist Church, Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, the Salvation Army, Dyer United Methodist Church, Gary Neighborhood, the Geminus Corporation, Continuum of Care Northwest Indiana, Lutheran Church Charities, Catholic Charities, McShane's Business Products and Solutions, and the Gary 411 newspaper, as well as individuals John Beebe and Ted Prettyman.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Indiana is fortunate to have such an impressive array of willing humanitarians, and I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing this outstanding organization on its campaign. Although LARRI's efforts lasted a mere three years, this should only add to the profound impact the organization had on Northwest Indiana. I ask that you join me in honoring its individual members who freely gave so much of their time in service to their community.

CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2681) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I want to clearly state my opposition to H.R. 2681, the so-called Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. This legislation is a special interest giveaway that will fail to create jobs and will expose American families to unnecessary and unacceptable health risks.

Last month, President Obama proposed the American Jobs Act to address the Nation's unemployment crisis. Economist Mark Zandi of Moody Analytics—a former McCain Presidential advisor—said the American Jobs Act would add 1.9 million jobs. Dozens of other independent economists agree this legislation would create jobs, boost economic growth and protect the country from slipping back into recession. Despite the urgent need to create jobs and grow the economy, the House Republican majority is refusing to bring the American Jobs Act to the floor for a vote.

Instead of passing the American Jobs Act, the majority is advancing a series of ideological bills that will cripple clean air and clean water protections. H.R. 2681 is the latest of these Republican assaults on public health. H.R. 2681 would delay the implementation of science-based rules to significantly reduce toxic emissions from cement plants. The 1990 Clean Air Act required the cement industry to reduce mercury and other pollutants. Today, cement plants are the third largest source of mercury pollution in the United States. Thou-

sands of families living in the shadow of these plants are now suffering from increased rates of neurological disorders, birth defects, learning disabilities, cancer and cardiovascular problems. Developing fetuses, infants and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to the deadly effects of mercury.

After 11 years of consultation with the cement industry and other stakeholders, the Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a proposal to close this dangerous loophole. For every \$1 spent on complying with the EPA's proposed rules, the U.S. economy is projected to reap \$7–19 dollars in benefits from lower health care costs and higher productivity. This incredible return on investment shows that smart regulation can produce cleaner air, better health and a stronger economy.

Instead of offering a competing economic analysis, House Republicans are using anecdotal evidence to argue these new rules will harm employment in the cement industry. Contrary to what supporters of H.R. 2681 argue, employment in the cement industry has decreased due to efficiency gains in production and consolidation in the sector, not federal regulation. Even Republican economists are pushing back on the argument that federal regulation has a significant impact on job creation and retention. Bruce Bartlett, former economic advisor to President Reagan, is refuting these claims with data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing that businesses do not cite regulation as a leading cause of layoffs. According to this data, regulations were responsible for a minuscule 0.2 percent of layoffs in 2010. Despite the evidence, Republicans continue to cling to their anti-regulatory red herrings.

While H.R. 2681 may provide good partisan talking points for cable television and talk-radio, this legislation threatens real harm to families in Minnesota, and across the country. According to EPA's analysis, delaying the clean-up of toxic pollution from the cement industry for four years as called for in H.R. 2681 would result in devastating health effects, including up to: 10,000 premature deaths; 68,000 asthma attacks; 6,000 non-fatal heart attacks; and 520,000 days when people miss work because of illness.

For over forty years, the country has made tremendous bipartisan progress in cleaning up our environment while maintaining robust economic growth. We need to return to this tradition and refocus our attention on legislation that will actually address America's pressing jobs crisis. I urge my colleagues to reject this legislation, end the political games, and stand up for the health of American families.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, providing everyone with access to affordable health care continues to be an important issue in this Congress, and it is even more critical to the individuals seeking preventive care and treatment. This October, I would like to ask you, our colleagues and our communities to join me in recognizing the impact breast cancer has had on families across the nation.

Breast cancer is one of the leading cancers among women and tens of thousands die each year in this country as a result of this devastating illness. With proper education, screening and treatment, those deaths can be prevented. As we work to encourage research to find a cure, we must remember to be proactive by supporting breast cancer awareness that can save the lives of our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN FRANK PAPAIANNI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Patrolman Frank Papaiani of Edison, New Jersey. On September 16, 1971, Patrolman Papaiani and his partner responded to a silent holdup alarm at a bank located within the Menlo Park Mall in Edison, New Jersey. The gunfire exchanged fatally wounded Patrolman Papaiani and critically wounded his partner. Today, members of the Edison community gather to remember and honor the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani.

Patrolman Frank Papaiani was a noble officer who faithfully protected and served the local residents, businesses and visitors of Edison, New Jersey. Patrolman Papaiani served with the Edison Division of Police for three years and continued to personify his commitment and dedication to maintaining a safe and peaceful environment. He was survived by his wife Adeline and his three children, Maria, Joann and Frank. Lake Papaiani in Edison, New Jersey is named in honor of the late Patrolman.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in commemorating the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani and remembering him for his dedication to serve and protect the township of Edison.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST JAMES A. BUTZ

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I wish to commend United States Army Specialist James A. Butz for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Butz was a member of the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While serving in Afghanistan as a combat medic, on September 28, 2011, Specialist Butz was killed while rushing to assist two wounded Marines when an improvised explosive device detonated, taking his life and the lives of the two Marines. His sacrifice will forever be remembered by those he fought to protect.

A native of Porter, Indiana, James graduated from Chesterton High School in 2009. While in high school, James was a wrestler and football player. Many describe James as